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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A DATA CARRIER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) DE 197 18 471 A1
- 2) EP 0854 477 A1
- 3) US 5,279,689
- 4) EP 0 463 382 A2
- 5) JP 03232659
- 6) JP 61050232
- 7) US 5,673,251
- 8) EP 0 855 703 A2
- 9) US 5,312,714
- 10) EP 0 509 472 A2
- 11) EP 0 561 000 A1

The relevance of reference 1 has been discussed in the instant specification on page 1.

The relevance of reference 2 has been discussed in the instant specification on page 2.

References 3 – 7 have been cited in the International Search Report and are submitted to provide the Examiner easy access to said references.

Reference 8-11 are in the English language and need no further discussion as to their relevance.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that any fees required and not enclosed herewith or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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